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DCI COUNTERNARCOTICS CENTER

FY 1990 TECHNICAL INITIATIVES PLAN

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SUMMARY

CNC's Technical Initiatives Plan for FY1990 is based on the perceived needs of not only the CNC, but other CIA elements which will provide direct support to the "war on drugs", as well. In some instances, project planning has also addressed the needs of other members of the US Counternarcotics Community.

To the extent practicable, the plan addresses specific issues, which if otherwise left unattended, would unduly delay the effective application of technology to the issue at hand. The plan attempts to strike a balance between developing capabilities to better understand the inner workings of trafficking organizations and developing the material wherewithal to combat and neutralize those organizations. In

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certain instances, it further serves as a "springboard" from which future follow on activities may be launched.

The plan addresses a wide variety of technical activities and directly involves most Offices of the CIA-D/S&T. To a lesser extent, other CIA elements will/may be involved, as well.

INTRODUCTION

Within each of these broad categories, specific projects have been conceptualized on the basis of perceived need, likelihood of success, duration of activity and projected cost. The emergent package represents a spectrum of activities which, when complete, will begin to bridge the gap between the present

 technical capability to counter the

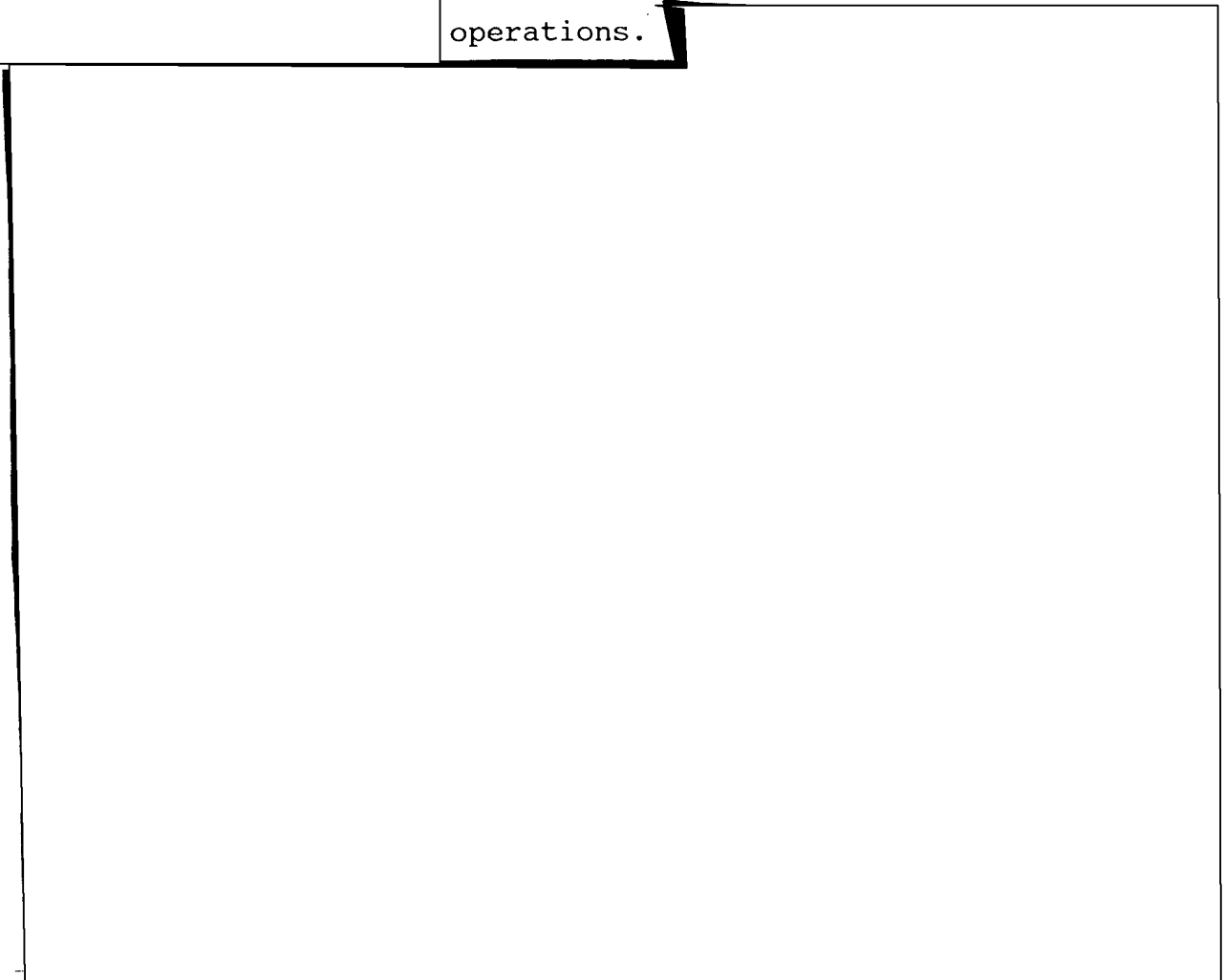
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narcotics threat and a future, well balanced and applications oriented technical arsenal.

The unique nature of the counternarcotics issue dictates a set of equipment requirements different from those normally imposed on equipments designed for use in traditional

[redacted] operations.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEFINITION

The successful [redacted] exploitation of any organization necessarily requires an intimate understanding

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of its internal workings. To that end, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In so doing, we will expand the on-going
[REDACTED] efforts, programs to collect and
exploit [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The
methodologies used [REDACTED] are potentially
applicable in other geographic areas, as well, and this
potential will be explored in depth.

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RECONNAISSANCE AND INTERDICTION

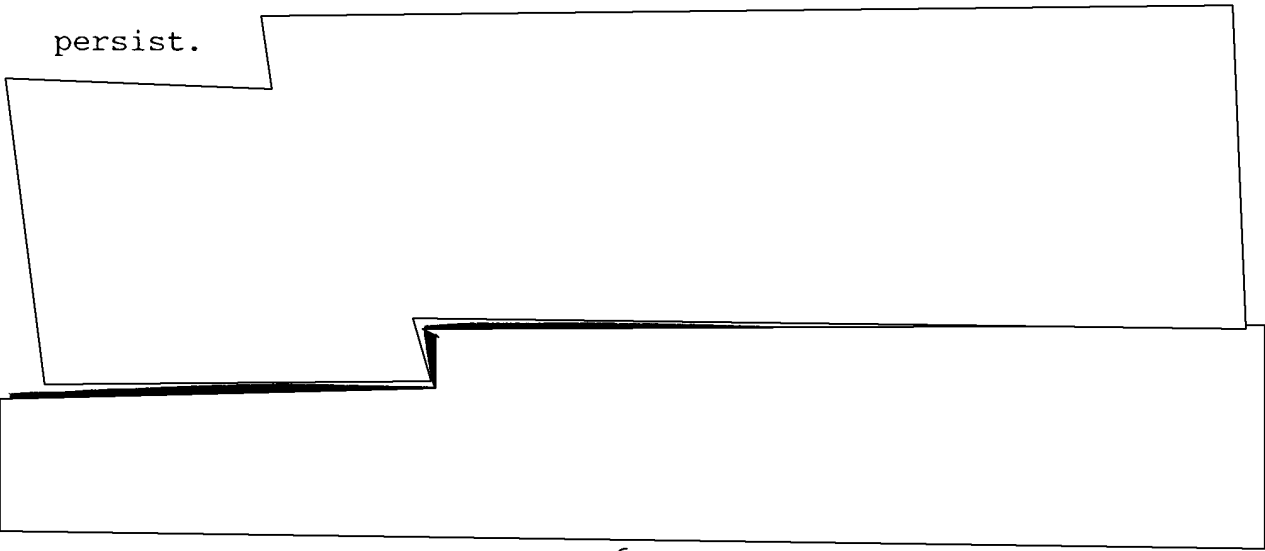
An enlightened and abstinent "Just Say No" American public notwithstanding, any truly successful counternarcotics program has as it's primary goal, the exclusion of illicit drugs from the United States. Clearly, the orchestrated interdiction of any illegal shipment is predicated on foreknowledge of it's existence; such foreknowledge may sometimes be gained by technical reconnaissance.

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TECHNICAL AND ANALYTIC SUPPORT

Despite many decades of a national counternarcotics effort and considerable research, many relatively fundamental questions about narcotics production and trafficking persist.



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platforms? The answers to these and numerous other related questions will significantly enhance our posture to deal effectively with the cocaine problem. In order to address such issues, we plan to undertake a series of rather diverse technical activities to provide a deeper understanding of the narcotics threat and possible means to overcome it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We plan to sponsor a market survey to identify, on a world-wide basis, sources of [REDACTED] systems and to catalog the performance characteristics of those systems.

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The results of this survey will form the basis of a longer-range effort to acquire an inventory of [] [] equipment dedicated for use in counternarcotics operations.

Finally, we also plan to provide both financial and membership support to the ONDCP's recently established Drug Science and Technology Committee. This committee will review community-wide technical capabilities in light of perceived technical requirements and recommend methods and techniques by which identified gaps may be filled. During the first year of the committee's existence, CNC will provide the bulk of the funding required to cover its start-up and administrative costs; in the future, CNC's annual contribution will be reduced as other community members collectively bear the brunt of the financial burden.

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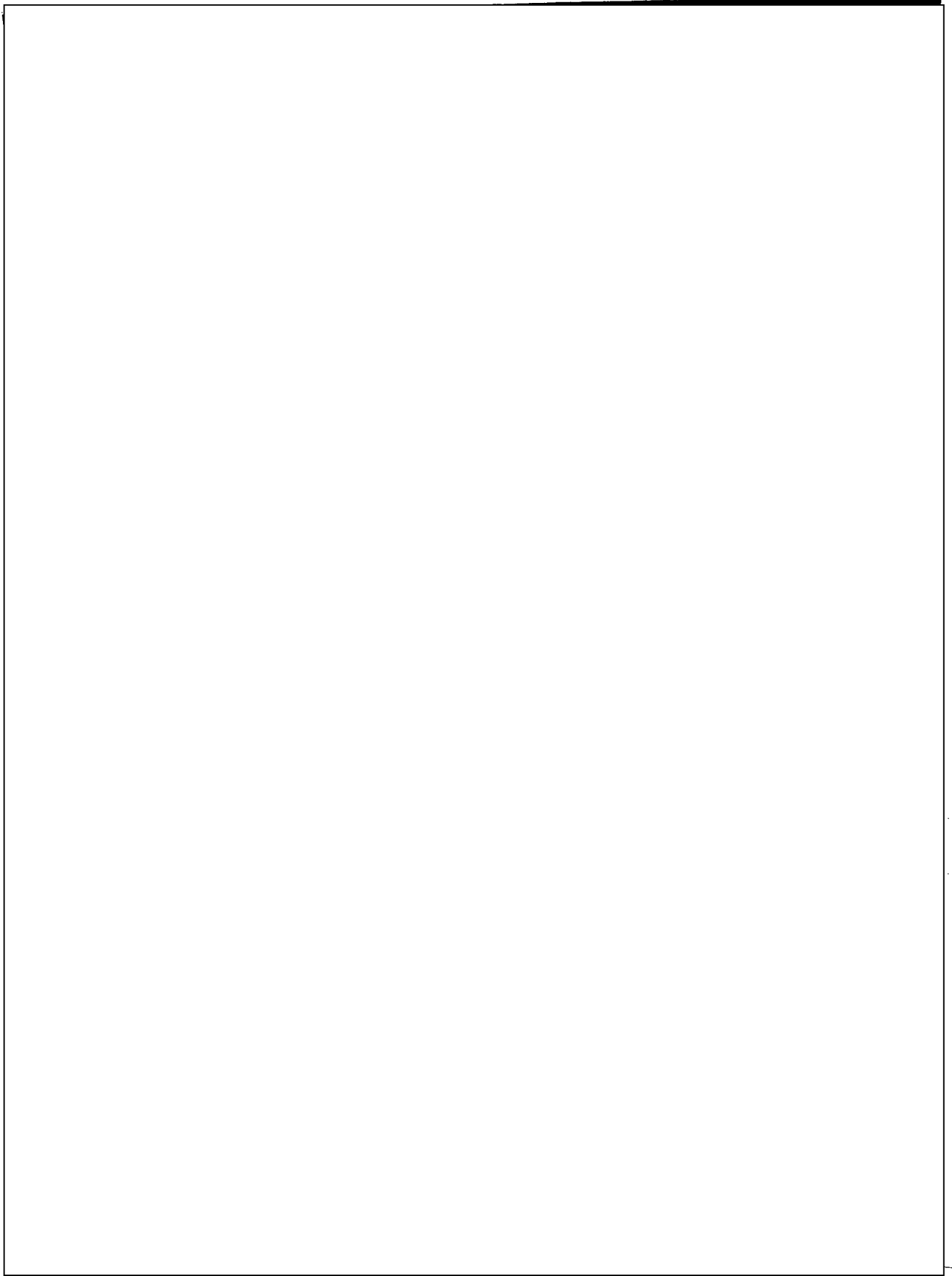
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[REDACTED] COUNTERMEASURES

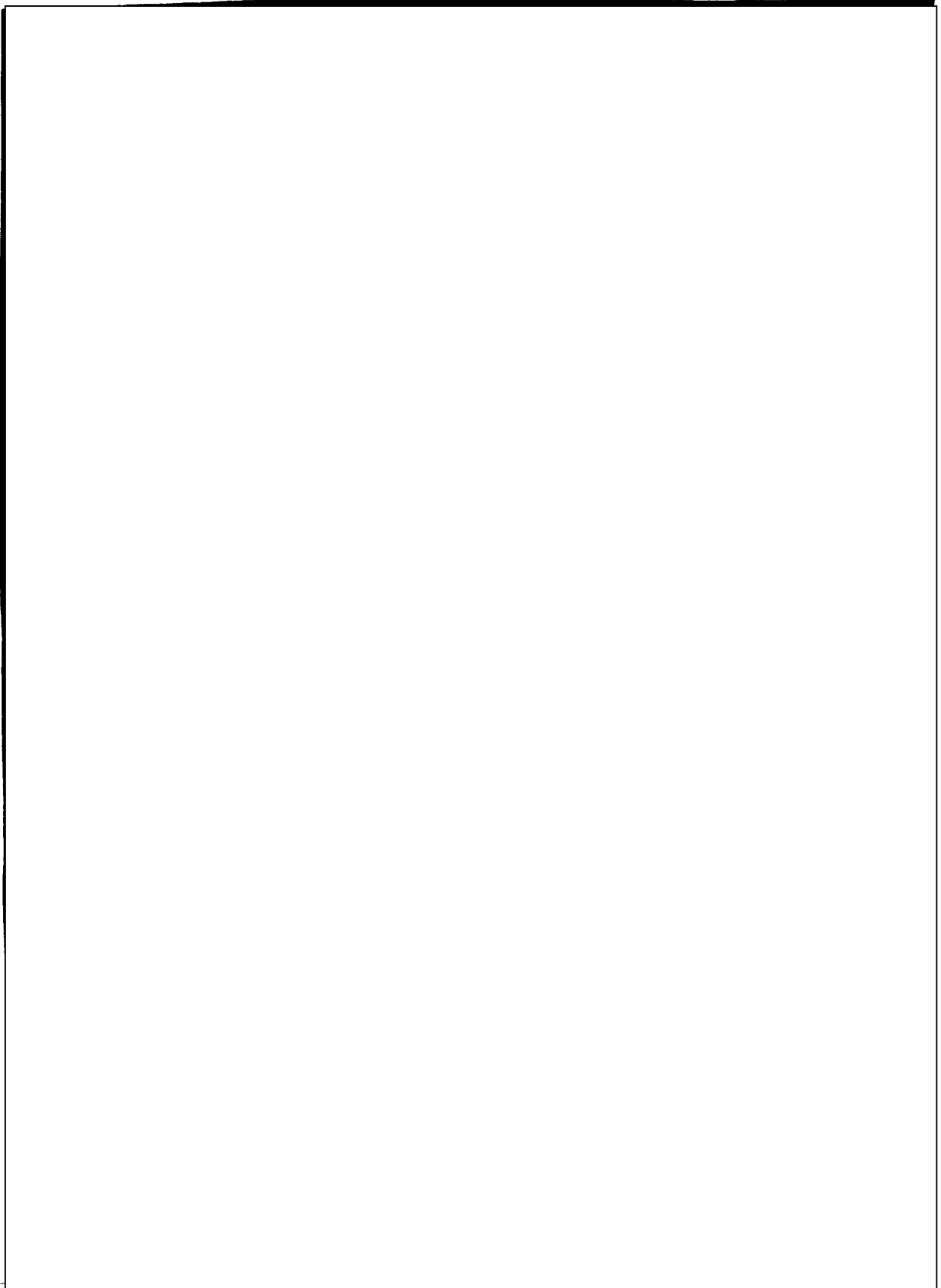
In certain operational scenarios, opportunities sometimes present themselves to permit [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which are vital to their interests. In such instances, having an "on the shelf" capability to take full advantage of the opportunity can have tremendous payoff. [REDACTED]

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Some of the programs planned for FY1990 are one year efforts; others are longer-ranged and will be addressed as follow-on or sustained activities in the out-years.